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## NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(b)

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Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark Office that it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity and that the claim for small entity status set forth in the verified statement filed in the parent application, Serial No. 09/977,154, filed October 12, 2001, is hereby withdrawn.

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